

As The Majestic Booker T. Washington Gracefully Slides Down Ways

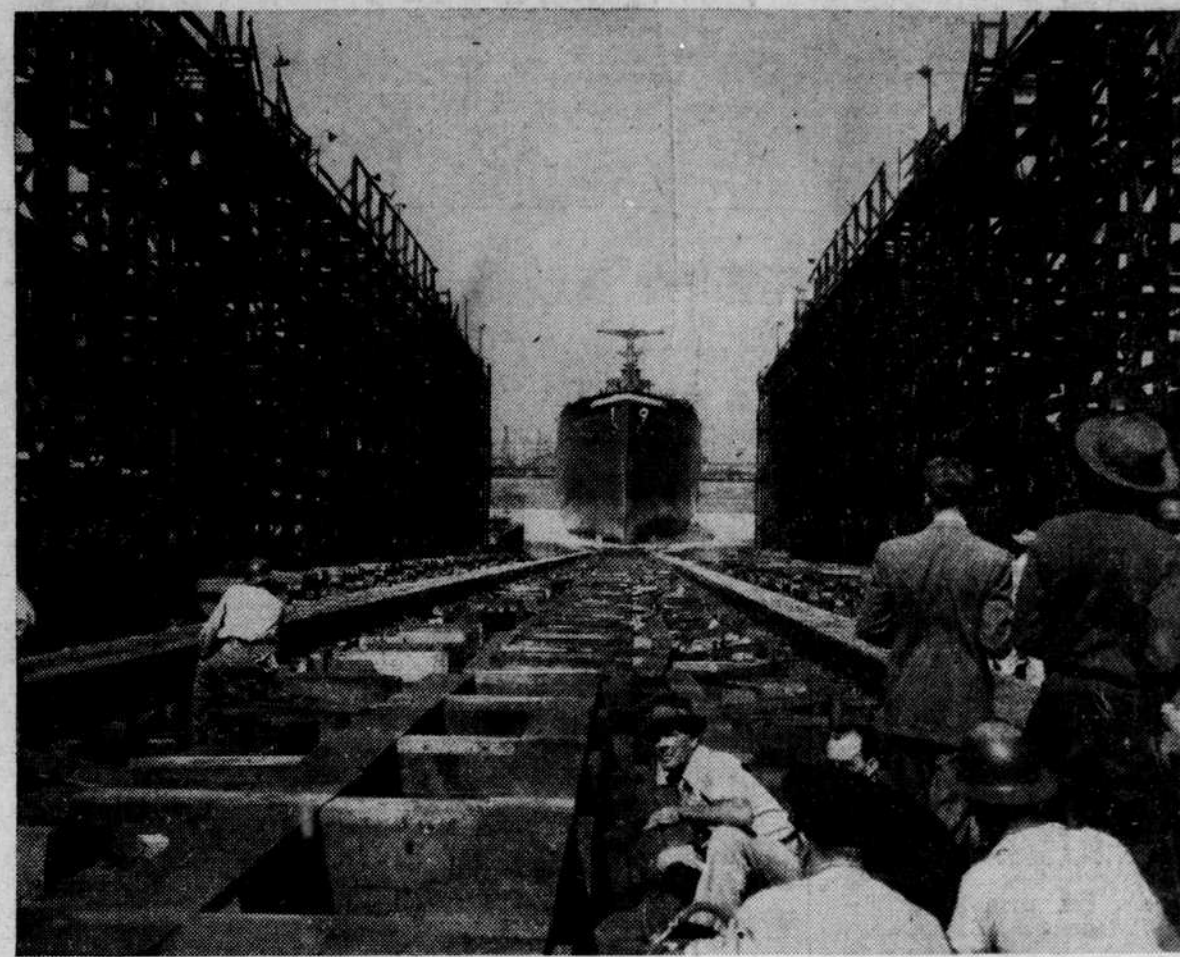


LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Marian Anderson, noted contralto, christens the S. S. Booker T. Washington in the yards of the California Shipbuilding Corporation. The Liberty ship, named after the great Negro educator, was the 74th vessel launched in the Calship yards in a year and two days of operation.



HERE THE SPONSOR and other dignitaries who participated in the launching are shown waving farewell. Pictured here 1 to 4 are Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, a worker at the California Shipbuilding Cor-

poration, Miss Anderson, Dr. William J. Thompkins, recorder of deeds, Washington; the Rev. F. O. Jordan and Mrs. Portia Washington Pittman, only living daughter of Tuskegee's illustrious founder.



THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, first Liberty ship to be named for a Negro, 10,500 tons of majestic beauty, is shown here as she hits the water at Wilmington, California, following her dramatic launching by the California Shipbuilding Corporation. The

launching ceremonies were broadcast over a coast-to-coast blue network hookup. The idea of naming the ship after Mr. Washington was conceived by Peter Ross, a foreman at the shipyard.

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Marriage Rumor Denied By Miss Marian Anderson

Famed Contralto Accepts Offer Of Constitution Hall Concert

LOS ANGELES—(ANP)—Marian Anderson, famous contralto, denied rumors that she had secretly wed, in an exclusive interview with Jacqueline Woods, Associated Negro Press writer, during a luncheon in the Blue Room immediately after launching of the 10,500-ton S. S. Booker T. Washington which Miss Anderson had christened.

Has Operation



MRS. LULA BELL THORNTON, popular beautician who fought off an imperative operation until she completed a course in Permanent Waving. She underwent an operation at a local hospital Thursday.

Federation Of Women To Meet In Jackson

By RUBY E. STUTTS LYELLS
The Mississippi Federation of Colored Women's Clubs will hold its 34th annual session in Jackson on October 30. According to an announcement from the office of the president, Mrs. M. M. Hubert, the theme of the Convention is "Club Women Serving in a World at War."

Because of the war the convention program, which in previous years has been a social affair, will be a serious one.

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Several weeks ago an item appeared in a gossip column conducted by Walter Winchell to the effect that the noted singer would surprise the nation with announcement of an imminent marriage. The item grew into a story that aroused widespread interest.

Miss Wood, who acted as chairman of the program committee for the launching said she very pointedly posed her question to the singing star who expressed anxiousness to end circulation of the story. When pressed for a commitment on whether or no she is engaged Miss Anderson merely smiled which was interpreted by the interviewer as an affirmative admission.

Later during the luncheon Miss Anderson said she had accepted an invitation extended by the Daughters of the American Revolution to sing in Constitution Hall, Washington, D. C., for the benefit of the war relief fund.

The DAR was the target of severe criticism of world-wide scope two years ago when it refused to allow Miss Anderson use of the hall for a concert because she is a Negro. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, resigned from the association as a stinging protest to the ban.

According to information received from DAR headquarters in Washington the invitation resulted after Miss Anderson's manager had made request for use of the hall for a concert.

Fire Claims 2nd St. Louis Victim

ST. LOUIS—(ANP)—Mrs. Caroline Gibbs, 34, became the second victim last week of a fire which earlier took the life of Arthur Moore. Firemen found the body of Mrs. Gibbs after extinguishing the blaze which started from an overheated oil burner in the rooming house where she lived.

AWARDED HIGH LAW DEGREE

CHICAGO—(A N P)—William Henry Huff, chief counsel for the Abolish Peonage committee, this week received a belated doctor of jurisprudence degree from the John Marshall Law school here.

Pledges \$16,000 Bonds For Star's Orchid



PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Paulette Goddard and Bill Gargan, both of Hollywood, started a Chinese auction at which Paulettes orchids were to go to the one who pledged the most in War Bonds. It started

at \$25 and ended, when Mrs. Hobson R. Reynolds, Negro lady, pledged \$16,000. Miss Goddard is standing on a chair.—(IND.)

Cotton Pickers Enroute To Delta Are Accident Victims

JACKSON, Miss.—Eight persons were killed and seven injured in which occurred on Highway 49, the states worst highway fatality about one mile south of Pochantans, Mississippi, at a late hour last Sunday night. The dead and injured were all members of a group of cotton pickers enroute to work in the cotton fields of a farm near Indianola, Mississippi.

The dead are: Gully Hinton, Jr., 18, Bert Smith, 39, Jessie Mae Smith, 23, husband and wife; Willie Roy Strong, 19, Willie Walker, 20, and Walter Lee Wilson, 30, all of Hazeltown, Mississippi; and Lottie Mae Baker, 20, and Rosa Lee Smith, 13, of Brookhaven, Mississippi.

The accident occurred when the truck loaded with the cotton pickers was sidwiped by a heavy loaded truck as the two vehicles met on a narrow bridge just outside of the town of Pochantans. All of the dead were seated on a bench inside of the truck, some of whose bodies were horribly mangled as they were knocked from their seats onto the highway and run over by the oncoming vehicles. None of those injured were seriously hurt. Neither of the two drivers were

injured. Ambulances from the People's Undertaking Company and Frazier and Collins Funeral home brought all of the dead to Jackson, with most of the injured being sent to their homes shortly after receiving medical attention. With relatives and friends having to come to Jackson, identification of all the victims were not completed until early Tuesday morning.

Officer of the State Highway Patrol announced Monday that no charges had been made against the drivers of the truck pending further investigation of the case.

The truck in which the cotton pickers was riding belonged to Mr. James Young of Hazeltown, veteran choir director and teacher of singing, widely known in Copiah, Lincoln and Claiborne counties who has carried cotton pickers to the delta for a number of years. He was riding on the front seat with his driver and also escaped without injury. The other truck which was loaded with cotton seed belong to the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company.

18, 19-Year-Olds May Enlist In Several Branches

According to State Selective Service, Col. Lawrence W. Long, 18 and 19 year old registrants may enlist in any one of the following branches which they may select: Infantry, Cavalry, Coast Artillery, Field Artillery, Engineers, Signal Corps, Air Force, Armored Force, Quartermasters, Ordnance.

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AME Women And Young People's Group In Meet

LAUREL, Miss.—The woman's Home and Foreign and Young People's Department, Annual Conference Branch Missionary Convention of the East Mississippi District of the Eighth Episcopal District AME Church, convened here September 15-16, with Presiding Elder J. W. Hair acting presiding bishop, Mrs. E. C. Cranford, President of

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PLAN FEDERAL PROBE OF TRAIN JOB BIAS

Bars Against Firemen To Be Investigated

Sessions To Be Held In D. C. For Three Days

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(SNS)—The President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice will hear and examine complaints relating to the employment of Negroes in the railroad industry in a 3-day hearing scheduled for December 7, 8, 9, 1942. Dr. Malcolm S. MacLean, chairman of the committee, announced Monday the session will be held in Washington.

For several months the committee has been steadily receiving complaints of discrimination from practically every section of the country. MacLean explained these complaints, he said, have come from individuals and from such organizations as the Provisional Committee to Organize Colored Locomotive Firemen, the International Association of Railway Employees, the Association of Colored Railway Trainmen and Locomotive Firemen, Inc., the International Brotherhood of Firemen, Oilers, Helpers, Roundhouse and Railway Shop Laborers, the National Urban League, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

BARS ARE NOTED

"A number of railroad and general labor unions are involved in the charges so far made," according to the announcement by the committee which is a unit of the War Manpower Commission. "It is asserted that there exist between roads, employing the greatest number of Negroes, and certain unions, to which Negroes are not admitted, agreements which in operation excessively restrict the number of Negro firemen and brakemen which may be employed, which bar Negroes as helpers on Diesel engines, and which give non-Negro firemen the preference on stoker-fired steam engines, regardless of seniority or length of service."

Negro complainants have informed the committee that the result of these agreements has been that "not only have few, if any, Negro firemen or brakemen been hired in the last several years, but

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Named BTW Ship



PETER B. ROSS—Calship foreman, who conceived the idea of naming the Liberty ship, the Booker T. Washington, which was launched on the West Coast last week. (Office of War Information Photo).

Discrimination Plagues Troops In Great Britain

Military Circles Appear Worried Over Problem

By ALVIN E. WHITE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(A N P)—What is happening in the British Isles that is causing so much concern among military men and members of parliament? Something is going on there which is not being told the American public, and that something will not be particularly pleasing to the Negro section of the United States if the truth is told.

First, the American Red Cross is making a step in a new direction in sending for the first time in the

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Miss. Negro State Fair To Feature Nation's War Effort

WAR BOND AND STAMP THEME OF ANNUAL PARADE

JACKSON, Miss.—The sixteenth Annual exposition of the Mississippi Negro State Fair will be devoted almost entirely to the promotion of the Nation's war effort according to a statement by officials of the fair made here early this week.

In keeping with the purpose to promote the nation's war effort, the annual opening day parade, one of the features of the week long exposition, will have as its main theme the War Bonds and Stamps Campaign. With this idea in mind fair officials and members of the Publicity Committee of the Hinds County Negro War Bond and Stamp Committees are urging all owners of private cars who plan to enter the parade to use the War Bonds and Stamps Theme in their decorations. The best decorated cars using this theme will be Awarded First Prize of a \$25 War Bond, with second prize of \$10 in War Stamps, and third prize of \$5 in War Stamps.

With the cooperation of the Co-operative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics of

the State, Schools and colleges, boys and girls clubs, and other local and state organization the development of the Food for Victory program in the state will be depicted in all its stages.

In many respects this year's exposition will be one of the largest and best in the history of the Mississippi Negro State Fair. To assure plenty of fun and amusement the association has obtained the Wallace Bros Shows who will provide the fun and amusement along the Midway.

This year's exposition will be held as usual in the Negro Fair Grounds, on Highway 49 in North Jackson, and will run through the entire week of October 19-24. Further information can be obtained by writing H. H. Young, Secretary, Box 2372, West Jackson, Mississippi.

Hemphill was represented by Attorney George Manley and Hemphill's acquittal was the Lawyer's third in a Fulton court this week. Two of the acquittals were for murder and the other was in a rape case.